

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the abstract at page 30 with the following:

--A process is described for the recovery of substantially pure ethyl acetate from a feedstock ~~comprising~~ including ethyl acetate, ethanol and water. The process ~~comprises~~ includes supplying the feedstock to a first distillation zone maintained under first distillation conditions effective for distilling from the feedstock a first distillate ~~comprising~~ including ethyl acetate, ethanol, and less than about 10 mol % water. The first distillate is recovered from the first distillation zone and is supplied to a second distillation zone maintained under second distillation conditions, which include use of a higher pressure than that of the first distillation zone. The second distillation conditions are effective for distilling from the first distillate a second distillate ~~comprising~~ including ethanol, water, and a minor proportion of ethyl acetate and yielding a substantially pure ethyl acetate bottom product, which is recovered. The second distillate is returned to the first distillation zone.--